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By: Nicholas Fiedler

I want to stop scrolling
through the words and the faces
of the people I've decided to like
online and never in person.

I want to stop liking
all of the postcards from the past
posted in broad daylight
on that delusive, explosive timeline.

I want to stop reading
each story of heartbreak and burden
proclaimed from the sunken soap box
of a greasy, touchscreen keyboard.

I want to stop caring
about who you saw last Labor Day,
and when your kids start school
and how you're losing weight.

I want to stop screaming
into the pixelated void of Tuesday
and jumping at the sound of my own voice,
shown in hollow, black, sans-serif.

I want to stop
for just one second,
to just think for a moment
about those roses you've ripped from my garden.